

Application Serial No. 10/784,658
Reply to Office Action of November 6, 2006

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated November 6, 2006, the Examiner states that Claims 1-28 are pending, and Claims 1-28 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 16, 19, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Amendments have been made to the claims to overcome these rejections.

In the Office Action, the claims are each rejected under either 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103 as being anticipated by or obvious over US 5,984,129 (Pasinski). The Applicant considers that the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 9 overcome these rejections.

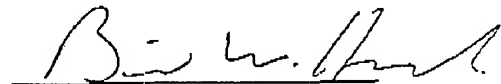
Independent Claims 1 and 9 are amended to specify that the opening is shaped and configured to receive an end of a paint roller. This specific configuration of the opening allows for the paint tray to be pushed, pulled and rotated by the engagement with an end of a paint roller, to provide for better maneuvering of the paint tray than for the embodiments of the invention shown in US 5,984,129. This improved embodiment of the invention was not realized by the inventor before the grant of the previous patent, and the narrowed claims in the present application are directed specifically to this embodiment.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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